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## Lansing Police Department joins Hope Not Handcuffs initiative

The Lansing Police Department announces that they have joined the *Hope Not Handcuffs* (HNH) initiative. Through the HNH Angel program, residents struggling with drug addiction can come to the Lansing Police Department to receive help toward recovery. An officer will meet with the individual and immediately assist him or her with getting the appropriate treatment needed.

"Hope Not Handcuffs is an excellent opportunity for anyone having trouble with addiction to stop in the Police Department and be greeted by a compassionate, supportive officer who will assist on getting proper treatment," said Lansing Police Chief Daryl Green.

HNH is an initiative started by Families Against Narcotics (FAN), aimed at bringing Law Enforcement and community organizations together in an effort to find viable treatment options for individuals seeking help to reduce dependency with heroin, prescription drugs and/or alcohol. FAN strives to educate communities about the dangers of prescription and illicit drugs, assist those who are struggling with addiction to get into treatment, and support both individuals and their families on their journey to recovery.

"The Lansing Police Department is continuously strengthening their relationship with our community and Hope Not Handcuffs is yet another initiative that will do just that," said Mayor Schor. "It is so important for those who are struggling with drug addiction to know that they have a place to go to begin to heal and work toward recovery."

Participation in the HNH program is voluntary. At any time, if the participant chooses not to receive assistance or continue with the program screening, he or she is allowed to depart. Upon arrival at the Lansing Police Department, a participant will be provided transportation to the East Lansing Police Department where they will be greeted by a program Angel.

For more information on HNH visit: https://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/hopenothandcuffs

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